Species at Risk Assessment

Ashley National Forest August 2016

The 2012 planning rule defines Species Of Conservation Concern (SCC) as: a species, other than federally recognized as threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, that is known to occur in the plan area and for which the regional forester has determined that the best available scientific information indicates substantial concern about the species' capability to persist over the long-term in the plan area. Substantial concern is being defined as some combination of threats either directly to the species or indirectly to the species habitat. "Persistence over the long term of planning area" must be thought of as "continued existence" and needs to be considered in terms of ecological time: the time for the species to disperse, compete, and reproduce on to the longer end of forest succession. Therefore, persistence is longer than the 15-year forest planning cycle.

The original lists of species to consider were generated by the Forest Service's Region 4 Regional Office (RO). These lists consisted of 96 animal and 81 plant species as potential SCC for the Ashley National Forest. The following key criteria or questions were considered in the evaluation of SCC.

- Is the species native to the planning unit?
- What is the global and state status of each species?
- During the past 20 years, how many occurrences of each species were there, and what year was the last occurrence for each species on the planning unit?
- Are the species occurrences accidental or transient on the planning unit?
- Is the species established or becoming established on the planning unit?
- What is the distribution, abundance, and trend of the species on the planning unit?
- What threats and risks does the species face on the planning unit?
- What habitat requirement does the species have?
- Finally, if present, is there substantial concern for this species to persist on the planning unit?

Many of the animal species the Forest considered were NatureServe ranks of S1 (critically imperiled) or S2 (imperiled) in Wyoming. The part of the planning unit in Wyoming is limited to the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area (FGNRA). This popular recreation area is relatively limited in terms of its habitat diversity. Therefore, most of the S1 and S2 species in Wyoming were not recommended for potential SCC because the FGNRA does not support the species habitat requirements.

The Forest primarily utilized a number sources to determine Forest distribution and occurrences. These included the Forest Service corporate database, Natural Resource Manager (NRM), Utah Natural Heritage Database, Wyoming Natural Heritage Database,

Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Brigham Young University Herbarium, University of Colorado Herbarium, Utah State University – Uintah Basin Herbarium, and NRCS Plants Database. Other sources of information were also used such as state-level species reports/ Wildlife Action Plans, Birds of North America, A Utah Flora, Uinta Flora, Flora of Wyoming, Flora of North America, and other available information.

Threats, risks, and habitat requirements for each species were identified using NatureServe and long-term monitoring data. Distribution maps in NatureServe, NRCS Plants Database, corporate knowledge and data, floras, and herbaria specimens were used to determine if the species was native as well as if the species is established or becoming established on the planning unit.

Abundance and trends were difficult to assess for many animal species because of a lack of information. Animal species were not carried forward if the planning area had less than 10 or no occurrences and the species was secure in adjacent states within the species core distribution. For plant species, abundance and trend data was sufficient to assess all species. Additional criteria were also considered during the assessment of plant species. These included margin of range, contrasting taxonomic treatments, species reaction to disturbance, existing laws and designations that provide protection, and level of taxonomic status.

The next step in the process is to receive and consider public comments on this preliminary list of SCC. After a careful review and consideration of public comments, the Forest and Regional Office will work together to address these comments. However, the final decision of which species to move forward in the plan revision process is made by the regional forester.

A more detailed description of the evaluation process is available in the Forest Service handbook for conducting assessments, as well as the 2012 planning rule, both of which are available on the <u>Forest's website</u>.

NatureServe Ranking Information

Conservation status assessments are completed to produce conservation status ranks that measure extinction or extirpation risk at three geographic scales: global, national, and subnational. Global, national, and subnational ranks (or "G-Ranks," N-Ranks," and "S-Ranks") are widely used throughout the conservation community and are regarded as highly credible by scientists, government agencies, and private-sector organizations. These assessments are also a valuable resource for government agencies responsible for administration of Federal, state and provincial species conservation laws.

Global Rank Definitions:

GX Presumed Extinct (species)/Eliminated (ecological communities and systems) — Species not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery. Ecological community or system eliminated throughout its range, with no restoration potential.

GH Possibly Extinct (species)/ Eliminated (ecological communities and systems) — Known from only historical occurrences but still some hope of rediscovery. There is evidence that the species may be extinct or the ecosystem may be eliminated throughout its range, but not enough to state this with certainty.

G1 Critically Imperiled —Very high risk of extinction due to extreme rarity (often five or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors.

G2 Imperiled — High risk of extinction or elimination due to very restricted range, very few populations, steep declines, or other factors.

G3 Vulnerable — Moderate risk of extinction or elimination due to a restricted range, relatively few populations, recent and widespread declines, or other factors.

G4 Apparently Secure — Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.

G5 Secure — Common; widespread and abundant.

| Scientific Name/ Common Name | Rationale | Forest Service Status | State Status | Global/State Rank | Habitat/Land Type Association (LTA) | Stressors/Drivers | Observation Information |
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| Centrocercus urophasianus | Declining | Sensitive | Species of | G3 | Sagebrush/grassland | Habitat | Numerous observations on the |
| | populations and | | concern | Utah – S3 | habitat. | fragmentation and | planning unit. |
| Greater Sage-Grouse | habitat range-wide. | | | Wyoming – S4 | | degradation from oil | |
| | Oil and gas and | | | | Habitat is found | and gas development | |
| | other anthropogenic | | | | within the Anthro | and other | |
| | disturbances | | | | Plateau, Antelope Flat, | anthropogenic | |
| | continue to be a | | | | Parks Plateau, South | disturbances. | |
| | threat on the | | | | Face, Glacial Canyon, | | |
| | planning unit. | | | | Stream Pediment, | | |
| | | | | | Avintaquin Canyon, | | |
| | | | | | Strawberry Highlands, | | |
| | | | | | and Structural Grain | | |
| | | | | | LTAs. | | |
| Falco peregrinus | Range-wide, the | Sensitive | No special | G4 | Riparian habitats that | Noise disturbance to | Numerous observations from the |
| | species is either | | status | Utah – S3 | are associated with | nesting birds and | few known eyries on the planning |
| Peregrine Falcon | imperiled or | | | Wyoming – S2 | cliffs. | habitat degradation. | unit. |
| | vulnerable. Thus, | | | | | | |
| | threats (riparian | | | | Habitat is found | | |
| | degradation/noise | | | | within the Stream | | |

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| | disturbance to nesting) on the planning unit, may have the potential to affect the species. | | | | Canyon, Glacial Canyon, Red Canyon, and North Flank LTAs. | | |
| Leucosticte atrata Black Rosy-Finch | This species is critically imperiled in Utah and Wyoming and imperiled or vulnerable in surrounding states where its core distribution occurs. | No FS status | No special status. On the Utah Partners in Flight (PIF) priority species list. | G4 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S1 | Barren, rocky or grassy areas and cliffs among glaciers and receding snowbanks, or beyond timberline. Habitat is found within the Uinta Bollie and Alpine Moraine LTAs. | Habitat loss and degradation from climate change, grazing, or mining. | There are 85 known occurrences on the planning unit within the last 20 years. Occurrences are at high elevations in associated LTAs. |
| Sylvilagus idahoensis Pygmy Rabbit | The only known location of this species on the planning unit is in the Wyoming portion of the Flaming Gorge NRA. This species is critically imperiled in Wyoming and either imperiled or vulnerable in the surrounding states where its core distribution occurs. | Sensitive | Species of concern | G4 Utah – S3 Wyoming – S1 | Dense stands of big sagebrush growing in deep loose soils. Habitat and occurrence is within the Green River LTA. | Habitat degradation from grazing, noxious weeds, wildfire, and energy development. | There are nine known occurrences on the planning unit within the last twenty years. These occurrences have been on the Flaming Gorge NRA. |
| <i>Myotis thysanodes</i> Fringed Myotis (bat) | This species is imperiled in Utah and Wyoming, and imperiled or vulnerable in surrounding states where its core distribution occurs. | No FS status | Species of concern | G4 Utah – S2 Wyoming – S2 | Middle elevations in desert, riparian, grassland, and woodland habitats. Habitat is found within the Anthro Plateau, Avintaquin Canyon, Strawberry Highlands, Green River, Antelope Flat, North Flank, South | White-nose Syndrome (WNS), human disturbance, and habitat degradation. | There are eight known occurrences on the planning unit within the last twenty years. |

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| <i>Oncorynchus clarki plueriticus</i> Colorado River Cutthroat Trout | Without past, current, and ongoing conservation efforts, this species' persistence on the planning unit is at risk primarily due the presence of non- native trout. | Sensitive | Conservation agreement species | G4 Utah – S3 Wyoming – S1 | Face, Stream Canyon, Glacial Bottom, Glacial Bottom, Stream Pediment, Structural Grain, Wolf Plateau, Parks Plateau, Moenkopi Hills, Limestone Hills, Dry Moraine, Greendale Plateau, and Red Canyon LTAs. Requires cool, clear water and well- vegetated streambanks for cover and bank stability; in-stream cover in the form of deep pools and boulders and logs also is important; adapted to relatively cold water, thrives at high elavations | Habitat degradation, hybridization, competition, climate change. | Populations exist across the Forest. |

 Table 2. Potential Plant Species of Conservation Concern Located on the Ashley National Forest

| Scientific Name/ Common Name | Rationale | Forest Service Status | State Status | Global/State Rank | Habitat/LTA | Stressors/Drivers | Observation Information |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Antennaria pulcherrima | Habitat | None | Peripheral | G5 | Intermediate to rich | Accessible to | 12 collections |
| | geographically | | _ | Utah - S1 | fens and wet | livestock grazing. | documented from the |
| Handsome Pussytoes | restricted and rare | | | Wyoming - S2 | meadows. | Climate change that | Uinta Mountains with |
| | within plan area. | | | | | leads to drier and | five collections located |

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| | Two occurrences documented within plan area. | | | | Alpine Moraine LTA | warmer weather conditions. | within the plan area. Last documented observation in 2016. Localized and relatively common within its known habitat. Monitoring of fens and meadows indicate satisfactory conditions of the plant's habitat, indicating stable population trends and persistence. |
| Aquilegia grahamii Graham's Columbine | Narrow endemic. Three occurrences documented within plan area. | Sensitive | Rare | G1 Utah – S1 | Deep stream-cut canyons; in cliff cracks, on ledges, in seeps or hanging gardens of the Pennsylvanian- Permian Weber Sandstone. Stream Canyon LTA | Habitat is secure within the plan area, but mining is a threat outside and adjacent to the plan area. No other known stressors are identified. | The latest available estimates of overall population size are 5,000 to 10,000 plants from 11 specific sites. Population trend appears stable and persisting within plan area. |
| <i>Cirsium ownbeyi</i> Ownbey's Thistle | Regional endemic. Two occurrences documented within plan area. | None | Watch, Species of concern | G3 Utah - S1 Wyoming - S2 Colorado – S2 | Sagebrush, desert shrub communities. Green River LTA | Adapted to natural disturbances. Known to colonize roadsides, which indicates tolerance of or benefits from disturbance. May be vulnerable to herbicide spraying, biocontrol insects, or disturbance by recreation vehicles. | Two collections occur within the plan area in Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, last documented in 1995. Based upon 11 collections documented for Wyoming, the state population was estimated between 56,000 to 75,000 plants. |
| <i>Cymopterus evertii</i> Evert's Wafer Parsnip | Regional endemic. | None | Rare, Species of concern | G2 Utah – S1 Wyoming - S2 | Grows in limestone gravels along the rim of Ashley Gorge, | No known stressors threaten habitat integrity. | One occurrence is documented in Uintah County, Utah and is a |

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| | One occurrence documented within plan area. | | | | associated with Douglas fir and limber pine. Stream Canyon LTA | | disjunct population. Only found along the rim of Ashley Gorge within the plan area. Two collections made, last documented in 2006. |
| Cypripedium fasciculatum Clustered Lady's Slipper | Known populations consist of few plants. Timber harvest, bark beetle infestations, and fire are stressors. Listed as sensitive in Utah. | Sensitive | Rare, Species of potential concern | G4 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S3 Colorado – S3 | Shade of coniferous forests between 8,000 to 9,000 feet. In duff of moderately dense to dense lodgepole pine forests where understory species are sparse. Parks Plateau LTA Trout Slope LTA | Timber harvest, bark beetle infestations, and fire are stressors. | About 30 known occurrences in the plan area. Most populations consists of a few plants (1-100). |
| Draba brachystylis Wasatch Draba | Regional endemic. One occurrence documented within plan area. | None | Rare | G1/G2 Utah – S2 | Moist soils with rocks, talus, or scree. In coniferous or aspen forests. Glacial Canyon LTA | No known stressors of population within plan area. Threatened by development and increased recreation use outside plan area. | One collection from plan area. Last observed in 1983. |
| Draba globosa Rockcress Draba | Listed as sensitive in Utah. | Sensitive | Rare, Species of concern | G3 Utah – S2 Wyoming – S2 Colorado – S1 | Alpine tundra, often associated with persisting snow beds. Uinta Bollie LTA | Most populations are relatively inaccessible. Domestic sheep grazing, mountain goats, and recreation are a minimal threat. Climate change leading to drier and warmer conditions may be a stressor. | Widely distributed across the alpine crest of the Uinta Mountains, but often in small populations. 10 new occurrences in plan area over last 20 years on Forest, last documented in 2016. 37 collections from Uinta Mountains. Population trend appears stable, persisting, and habitat is relatively resilient. |

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| Draba ventosa Tundra Draba | Rare and often disjunct throughout its distribution. Four collections from the Uinta Mountains with one from the plan area. | None | Watch | G3 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S3 Colorado – S1 | Alpine. Occurs in talus, scree slopes, slides, fell-fields; on cliffs and at the base of cliffs; on ridges; and on summits. Often but not always found on limestone parent material. Uinta Bollie LTA | Plant habitat is relatively remote, rugged, and inaccessible to humans and their impacts. Mountain goats are a minimal threat. Climate change leading to drier and warmer conditions may be a stressor. | One occurrence documented within the plan area. Utah is edge of the plant's distribution, but it is rare throughout its entire distribution. |
| Erigeron untermannii Untermann's Daisy | State endemic. Listed as sensitive. Habitat is found within and adjacent to energy rich areas, which pose a potential threat. | Sensitive | Rare | G2 Utah – S2 | Semi-barrens of sandstone, shale, and siltstone of the Uinta and Green River Formations. Windswept, sparsely vegetated ridge tops within pinyon-juniper, Douglas-fir, and limber pine-bristle cone pine belts. Anthro Plateau LTA | Oil and gas exploration is a stressor. Livestock grazing is present, but minimal impacts documented. | 11 occurrences documented over the last 20 years with the last occurrence in 2011. 31 collections documented from the Uinta Basin. Monitoring indicates that populations are stable and persisting. |
| Kobresia simpliciuscula Compound Kobresia | Rare habitat in plan area with four occurrences documented. | Sensitive in Colorado | Peripheral species of concern | G5 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S1 Colorado – S2 | Rare calcareous or rich fens. Alpine Moraine LTA Greendale Plateau LTA | Assessable to livestock grazing. Climate change that leads to drier and warmer weather conditions. | Utah at the southern edge of its range. Eight collections documented from the Uinta Mountains. Last observed in 2016. Monitoring indicates that the fen is in satisfactory condition with stable trends. |
| <i>Lepidium huberi</i> Huber's Pepperplant | Local endemic. | None | Rare | G1/G2 Utah - S1/S2 | Eroding slopes and narrow, steep canyons of Moenkopi Formation. With | No stressors identified within the plan area. Minimal threats may be oil | Ten collections documented for Utah. Locally abundant and relatively widespread. |

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| | Four occurrences documented within the plan area. | | | | mountain brush and ponderosa pine. Canyon breaks. Moenkopi Hills LTA Stream Canyon LTA | and gas exploration and mining outside the plan area. Found along roadsides and in fresh alluvium, which indicates some tolerance to disturbance. | Populations of the plant in the plan area are stable and persistent. |
| <i>Mentzelia goodrichii</i> Goodrich's Blazingstar | Narrow endemic. Two occurrences documented within the plan area. Listed as sensitive. | Sensitive | Rare | G1 Utah – S1 | Grows on escarpments, eroding slopes, and semi- barrens of Green River Formation. Anthro Plateau LTA | One potential stressor is oil and gas exploration. | Nine collections documented for Utah. Plants are scattered in small populations. Most are found outside the plan area. Populations appear to be stable and persisting. |
| Oxytropis besseyi var. obnapiformis Maybell Locoweed | Regional endemic. One occurrence documented in the plan area. | None | Watch, Species of concern | G5/T2 Utah – S2 Wyoming – S1 Colorado – S2 | Pinyon-juniper and sagebrush communities, often on semi-barrens in either fine-textured or sandy substrates. North Flank LTA | No stressors identified within the plan area. Outside the plan area, Oil and gas development, primarily, excessive grazing, recreation, road construction, and recreational off- road vehicles are listed as stressors. | Core population located in Colorado, nine collections documented for Utah and five for Wyoming. Only one collection from plan area. Trend is unknown but at least Wyoming populations appeared stable. |
| Papaver radicatum var. kluanense Alpine Poppy. | Listed as sensitive. Small populations restricted to a narrow habitat. | Sensitive | Species of concern | G5/T4 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S2 Colorado – S3 | Restricted to a narrow habitat, which consists of Red Pine Shale talus slopes and ridgetops. Uinta Bollie LTA | Plant habitat is remote, rugged, and inaccessible to humans and their impacts. Mountain goats and pika are minimal threats. Climate change leading to drier and warmer conditions may be a stressor. | Populations generally cover small areas and are comprised of few to a few hundred plants. 14 documented occurrences within the plan area. Populations appear stable, and persistence is expected. |

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| Penstemon acaulis Stemless beardtongue | Local endemic. Listed as sensitive. | Sensitive | Peripheral, Species of concern | G2 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S1 | Mixed desert shrub, black sagebrush, Wyoming big sagebrush, and pinyon-juniper communities. North Flank LTA Antelope Flat LTA | In Utah, stressors include recreation, off-road vehicles, and livestock trampling. In Wyoming, stressors also included gravel quarrying and road construction. Climate change may be a stressor if a high evapotranspiration rate and low rainfalls occur. | Over 10 occurrences documented over the last 20 years. Larger populations outside the plan area than within. Monitoring found that the species colonizes on disturbance such as road sides, burrow areas, two-track roads, and bladings. Density and size of plants on this disturbance is equal to or greater than that of plants in undisturbed habitat. |
| <i>Phacelia glandulosa</i> var. <i>deserta</i> Desert Phacelia | Local endemic. Limited populations. Two occurrences within the plan area. | None | Species of concern | G4/T2 Wyoming – S2 | Desert shrub and Wyoming big sagebrush. Green River LTA | Off-road vehicle use or mineral exploration are noted stressors. | Populations vary from small (less than 10 plants) to locally abundant (4,000 - 6,000 individuals), with total numbers estimated between 20,000 - 25,000 plants. It is not found in Utah. Six to 20 occurrence outside the plan area. |
| Primula incana Silvery Primrose | Rare habitat in plan area with one occurrence documented. | None | Peripheral | G4 Utah – S1 Wyoming – S2 | Rare calcareous or rich fens. Greendale Plateau LTA | Assessable to livestock grazing. Climate change that leads to drier and warmer weather conditions. | Utah at the southern edge of its range. Two collections documented from the Uinta Mountains. Last observed in 2016. Monitoring indicates that the fen is in satisfactory condition with stable trends. |

Table 3 listed below is a summary of federally protected species. These species are either endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. These species are covered by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the Forest is mandated to consider

potential effects from management to these species. While the Forest does not have discretion or control of this list, these species are still part of the species at risk assessment for forest plan revision.

| Scientific Name/ Common Name | Federal Listing Status | Habitat/LTA | Stressors/Drivers | Observation Information |
|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Lynx canadensis Canada Lynx | Threatened | Forested areas including Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, lodgepole pine, Douglas fir, and aspen. Areas of dense understory cover and/or thickets of young trees and mature forests with large amounts of coarse woody debris. Habitat occurs in the following LTAs: Greendale Plateau, Parks Plateau, Trout Slope, Alpine Moraine, Dry Moraine, Glacial Bottom, North Flank, Round Park, Stream Canyon, Stream Pediment, Wolf Plateau, Avintaquin Canyon, Strawberry Highlands, Glacial Canyon, Limestone Plateau, and | Loss or degradation of habitat (commercial timber harvest and stand replacing wildfire). Climate change may increase the threat of stand replacing fire and the distribution of spruce/fir forests. | There are 10 specimens of lynx that have been reliably traced to the Uinta Mountains, with collection dates ranging from 1916 to 1972. Between February of 1999 and March of 2007, 22 lynx from the experimental release in Colorado have been located at least once in Utah. Use-density of these locations indicates the primary area of use was in the Uinta Mountains. The majority of use was on the Wasatch-Cache NF and to a somewhat lesser degree on the Ashley NF. All these individual lynx were transient and did not take up residency in the Uinta Mountains. |
| Gulo gulo luscus North American Wolverine | Proposed | South Face.Wolverines do not specialize on specific vegetation or geological habitat aspects. Habitat can be described as high elevation areas that are cold and receive winter precipitation to reliably maintain deep persistent snow late into the warm season.Habitat occurs in the following LTAs: Greendale Plateau, Parks Plateau, Trout Slope, Uinta Bollie, Alpine Moraine, Dry Moraine, Glacial Bottom, North Flank, Round Park, Stream Canyon, Stream Pediment, Wolf Plateau, Avintaquin Canyon, Strawberry Highlands, Glacial Canyon, Limestone Plateau, and South Face. | Habitat loss through climate change. As temperatures warm, it will decrease colder areas that contain deep persistent snow late into the warm season. | No credible historical records of occurrence on the planning unit. In spring of 2014, a wolverine was documented (photograph and location) on the North Slope of the Uintas on the Uinta/Wasatch Cache NF. However, there have been no confirmed sightings on the Ashley NF. In November of 2014, the State UDWR documented wolverine tracks on the planning unit near Dutch John. Annual winter track surveys as well as bait camera stations have not documented any evidence of wolverine occurrence on the planning unit. |

Table 3. Federally Listed Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, or Candidate Animal and Plant Species Located on the Ashley National Forest

| Scientific Name/ Common Name | Federal Listing Status | Habitat/LTA | Stressors/Drivers | Observation Information |
|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Strix occidentalis lucida Mexican Spotted Owl | Threatened | Steep to vertical walled canyons that are greater than two kilometers long and less than two kilometers wide, which contain pockets of coniferous overstory trees mixed with smaller Gambel oak and boxelder trees. Habitat occurs in the Stream Canyon, and Glacial Canyon LTAs. | Climate change that leads to stand replacing wildfire. Commercial timber harvest is also considered a threat, but there is minimal timber harvest that occurs on the planning unit. | Surveys have been conducted in suitable habitat on the planning unit. However, there are no records of occurrence on the planning unit. |
| Coccyzus americanus Yellow-billed Cuckoo | Threatened | Nests in lowland riparian habitats (typically in large habitat patches greater than200 acres of cottonwood/willow habitats) with dense understory vegetation of willow and high foliage volume of cottonwood. Usually within 100 meters of water. Marginally occurs in the Stream Canyon, Glacial Canyon, and Glacial Bottom LTAs. | Loss or degradation of riparian and cottonwood habitat, including disruption of stream flows. | Surveys have been conducted in suitable habitat on the planning unit. However, there are no records of occurrence on the planning unit. |
| Gila cypha Humpback chub* | Endangered | Variety of habitats; desert riverine systems usually associated with swift and turbid water. No suitable habitat on Forest. | Water depletions, non-native fish competition, dams. | Species does not exist on the Forest. |
| Gila elegan Bonytail chub * | Endangered | Typically associated with mainstem desert riverine systems, found in backwaters on these rivers. | Water depletions, non-native fish competition, dams. | Species does not exist on the Forest. |
| Ptychochelius lucius Colorado Pikeminnow* | Endangered | Wide variety of habitats (pools, riffles, runs) associated with larger desert riverine systems. | Water depletions, non-native fish competition, dams. | Species does not exist on the Forest. |
| Xyrauchen texanus Razorback Sucker* | Endangered | Typically associated with mainstream desert riverine systems; typically found in slow water habitats (backwaters and pools) on these rivers. | Water depletions, non-native fish competition, dams. | Species does not exist on the Forest. |
| Spiranthes diluvialis Ute Ladies' Tresses (plant) | Threatened | Flood plains, streams, and other riparian habitat. Red Canyon LTA | Modified by urbanization and stream channelization for agriculture and development. Habitat loss or alteration from competition from non-native plants and vegetation succession appear to be the most widespread threats. | Four occurrences within the plan area; along the Green River between Little Hole and the Forest boundary. Known from below the Forest boundary along the Green, Yellowstone, Uinta, Lake Fork, and Rock Creek Rivers. Most occurrences are small, having less than 1,000 plants and occupying less than 50 acres. |

*These fish species were analyzed based on possible downstream effects.

All of the species in Table 4 below were analyzed the same way as the species listed above that are currently potential SCC. These species did not appear to meet the SCC criteria and were not carried forward to the draft SCC list. Documentation from our review of any of the species listed in this table is available upon request.

Table 4. Other plant and animal species considered.

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Taxa | Global Rank | S-UT | S-WY |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------|
| Anaxyrus boreas | Boreal Toad | Amphibian | G4 | S 3 | S1 |
| Accipiter gentilis | Northern Goshawk | Bird | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Aegolius funereus | Boreal Owl | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Ammodramus bairdii | Baird's Sparrow | Bird | G4 | NR | S1 |
| Ammodramus savannarum | Grasshopper Sparrow | Bird | G5 | S2 | S4 |
| Anas americana | American Pigeon | Bird | G5 | S2 | S5 |
| Aphelocoma californica | Western Scrub-Jay | Bird | G5 | S5 | S1 |
| Archilochus alexandri | Black-chinned Hummingbird | Bird | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Asio flammeus | Short-eared Owl | Bird | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Aythya valisineria | Canvasback | Bird | G5 | S2 | S4 |
| Bucephala albeola | Bufflehead | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Calamospiza melanocorys | Lark Bunting | Bird | G5 | S2 | S4 |
| Calcarius mccownii | Mccown's Longspur | Bird | G4 | NR | S2 |
| Catherpes mexicanus | Canyon Wren | Bird | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Charadrius montanus | Mountain Plover | Bird | G3 | S1 | S3 |
| Chlidonias niger | Black Tern | Bird | G4 | SH | S1 |
| Dendroica nigrescens | Black-throated Gray Warbler | Bird | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Dumetella carolinensis | Gray Catbird | Bird | G5 | S1 | S4 |
| Gavia immer | Common Loon | Bird | G5 | NR | S1 |
| Glaucidium gnoma | Northern Pygmy-owl | Bird | G5 | S 3 | S1 |
| Haliaeetus leucocephalus | Bald Eagle | Bird | G5 | S2 | S3 |
| Histrionicus histrionicus | Harlequin Duck | Bird | G4 | NR | S1 |
| Hydroprogne caspia | Caspian Tern | Bird | G5 | S3 | S1 |
| Icterus parisorum | Scott's Oriole | Bird | G5 | S2 | S1 |
| Larus californicus | California Gull | Bird | G5 | S5 | S2 |
| Larus delawarensis | Ring-billed Gull | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Loxia curvirostra | Red Crossbill | Bird | G5 | S2 | S5 |
| Loxia leucoptera | White-winged Crossbill | Bird | G5 | S1 | S2 |
| Melanerpes lewis | Lewis's Woodpecker | Bird | G4 | S 3 | S2 |
| Mergus merganser | Common Merganser | Bird | G5 | S2 | S4 |
| Oreothlypis virginiae | Virginia's Warbler | Bird | G5 | S4 | S1 |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Taxa | Global Rank | S-UT | S-WY |
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| Otus kennicottii | Western Screech-owl | Bird | G5 | S3 | S2 |
| Passerella iliaca | Fox Sparrow | Bird | G5 | S2 | S4 |
| Pelecanus erythrorhynchos | American White Pelican | Bird | G4 | S 3 | S1 |
| Phalaropus tricolor | Wilson's Phalarope | Bird | G5 | S2 | S3 |
| Plegadis chihi | White-faced Ibis | Bird | G5 | S2 | S1 |
| Psaltriparus minimus | Bushtit | Bird | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Rhynchophanes mccownii | McCown's Longspur | Bird | G4 | NR | S2 |
| Selasphorus rufus | Rufous Hummingbird | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Setophaga nigrescens | Black-throated Gray Warbler | Bird | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Sialia sialis | Eastern Bluebird | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Sitta pygmaea | Pygmy Nuthatch | Bird | G5 | S 3 | S2 |
| Sphyrapicus thyroideus | Williamson's Sapsucker | Bird | G5 | S3 | S2 |
| Sterna forsteri | Forster's Tern | Bird | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Sterna hirundo | Common Tern | Bird | G5 | NR | S1 |
| Strix nebulosa | Great Gray Owl | Bird | G5 | NR | S2 |
| Sympetrum danae | Black Meadowhawk | Bird | G5 | S2 | SNR/SU |
| Vermivora virginiae | Virginia's Warbler | Bird | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Catostomus discobolus | Bluehead Sucker | Fish | G4 | S 3 | S3 |
| Catostomus latipinnis | Flannelmouth Sucker | Fish | G3G4 | S 3 | S 3 |
| Gila robusta | Roundtail Chub | Fish | G3 | S2 | S3 |
| Analetris eximia | Mayfly | Insect | G3 | SH | SNR/SU |
| Bombus occidentalis | Western Bumble Bee | Insect | G4 | SNR/SU | SNR/SU |
| Cordulia shurtleffi | American Emerald | Insect | G5 | S2 | SNR/SU |
| Danaus plexippus pop. 1 | Monarch | Insect | G4T2T3 | SNR/SU | SNR/SU |
| Euphydryas gillettii | Gillett's checkerspot | Insect | G3 | SNR/SU | SNR/SU |
| Perlomyia utahensis | Utah Needlefly | Insect | G3 | S2 | SNR/SU |
| Skwala americana | American Springfly | Insect | G5 | S1 | SNR/SU |
| Speyeria mormonia | Mormon Fritillary | Insect | G5T3T4 | SNR/SU | SNR/SU |
| Antrozous pallidus | Pallid Bat | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Baeolophus ridgwayi | Juniper Titmouse | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Bassariscus astutus | Ringtail | Mammal | G5 | S 3 | S1 |

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| Bos bison bison | Plains Bison | Mammal | G4TU | S2 | S1 |
| Clethrionomys gapperi | Southern Red-backed Vole | Mammal | G5 | S2 | S5 |
| Corynorhinus townsendii | Townsend's Big-eared Bat | Mammal | G3G4 | S4 | S2 |
| Gulo gulo luscus | North American Wolverine | Mammal | G4T4 | S2 | S2 |
| Microtus richardsoni | North American Water Vole | Mammal | G5 | S3 | S2 |
| Mustela nigripes | Black-footed Ferret | Mammal | G1 | S1 | S1 |
| Myotis leibii | Eastern Small-footed Myotis | Mammal | G3G4 | NR | NR |
| Myotis lucifugus | Little Brown Myotis | Mammal | G3 | S4 | S5 |
| Myotis yumanensis | Yuma Myotis | Mammal | G5 | S3 | S1 |
| Neotamias dorsalis | Cliff Chipmunk | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Neotamias dorsalis utahensis | Utah Cliff Chipmunk | Mammal | G5T5 | S4 | S1 |
| Ochotona princeps | American Pika | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Perognathus parvus | Great Basin Pocket Mouse | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Peromyscus crinitus | Canyon Deermouse | Mammal | G5 | S5 | S1 |
| Peromyscus truei | Pinon Deermouse | Mammal | G5 | S4 | S1 |
| Phenacomys intermedius | Western Heather Vole | Mammal | G5 | S2 | S5 |
| Thomomys idahoensis | Idaho Pocket Gopher | Mammal | G4 | SH | S2 |
| Discus shimekii | Striate Disc | Mollusk | G5 | S2 | S 3 |
| Ferrissia rivularis | Creeping Ancylid | Mollusk | G5Q | S2 | S4 |
| Fluminicola coloradoensis | Green River Pebblesnail | Mollusk | G2G3 | S2 | S4 |
| Fossaria techella | [No Common Name] | Mollusk | G3G4Q | SH | NR |
| Oreohelix eurekensis | Eureka Mountainsnail | Mollusk | G1 | S1 | NR |
| Oreohelix strigosa | Rocky Mountain Mountainsnail | Mollusk | G5Q | S5 | S2 |
| Zonitoides nitidus | Black Gloss | Mollusk | G5 | S1 | SNR/SU |
| Charina bottae | Rubber Boa | Reptile | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Crotalus oreganus concolor | Midget Faded Rattlesnake | Reptile | G5T4 | NR | S1 |
| Opheodrys vernalis | Smooth Greensnake | Reptile | G5 | S3 | S2 |
| Sceloporus tristichus | Plateau Fence Lizard | Reptile | G5 | NR | S1 |
| Urosaurus ornatus | Tree Lizard | Reptile | G5 | S4 | S2 |
| Aquilegia barnebyi | Barneby's Columbine | Plant | G4 | S3 | N/A |
| Artemisia arctica ssp. arctica | Boreal Wormwood | Plant | G5T5 | SNR | S2 |

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| Artemisia campestris var. petiolata | Petiolate Wormwood | Plant | G5T1?Q | S1 | N/A |
| Asplenium septentrionale | Grass-fern | Plant | G4G5 | S1 | S2 |
| Asplenium viride | Green Spleenwort | Plant | G4 | S1 | S2 |
| Astragalus detritalis | Debris Milkvetch | Plant | G3 | S 3 | N/A |
| Astragalus nelsonianus | Nelson's Milkvetch | Plant | G3 | S1 | S 3 |
| Astragalus saurinus | Dinosaur Milkvetch | Plant | G3 | S 3 | N/A |
| Boechera crandallii | Crandall's Rockcress | Plant | G2 | N/A | S1 |
| Boechera pendulina var. russeola | Daggett Rockcress | Plant | G5T3? | S 3 | S 3 |
| Boechera perennans | Perennial Rockcress | Plant | G5 | SNR | S1 |
| Boechera selbyi | Selby Rockcress | Plant | G4?Q | S3 | S1 |
| Botrychium crenulatum | Dainty Moonwort | Plant | G3 | S1 | S1 |
| Botrychium echo | Reflected Moonwort | Plant | G3 | S1 | \$3 |
| Botrychium lineare | Narrowleaf Moonwort | Plant | G2G3 | S1 | S1 |
| Botrychium paradoxum | Peculiar Moonwort | Plant | G3G4 | S1 | S1 |
| Caloplaca cladodes | Branched Orange Lichen | Plant | G4G5 | SNR | SNR |
| Carex atrosquama | Blackened Sedge | Plant | G5 | S2 | N/A |
| Carex leptalea | Bristly-stalk Sedge | Plant | G5 | S1 | \$3 |
| Carex livida | Livid Sedge | Plant | G5 | S1 | \$3 |
| Cercocarpus ledifolius var. intricatus | Dwarf Mountain Mahogany | Plant | G5 | SNR | S1 |
| Chamaechaenactis scaposa | Fullstem | Plant | G4 | S 3 | S2 |
| Chiloscyphus gemmiparus | Liverwort | Plant | G1Q | SNR | N/A |
| Chrysothamnus greenei | Greene Rabbitbrush | Plant | G5 | SNR | S1 |
| Cirsium murdockii | Murdock's Thistle | Plant | G2G3 | S2 | N/A |
| Cryptantha gracilis | Slender Cryptantha | Plant | G5 | SNR | S1 |
| Cryptantha rollinsii | Rollins' Cryptantha | Plant | G3 | S3 | S1 |
| Cymopterus duchesnensis | Uinta Basin Springparsley | Plant | G3 | S3 | N/A |
| Descurainia pinnata var. paysonii | Payson's Tansymustard | Plant | G5T3? | SNR | S2 |
| Draba juniperina | Juniper Whitlow-grass | Plant | G2G3 | ? | ? |
| Elaeagnus commutata | Silverberry | Plant | G5 | S1 | S3 |
| Erigeron arenarioides | Wasatch Daisy | Plant | G3? | S3 | |
| Erigeron nematophyllus | Needle-leaf Fleabane | Plant | G3 | S1 | S3 |

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| Eriogonum brevicaule var. promiscuum | Mt. Bartles Buckwheat | Plant | G4T2?Q | ? | S2 |
| Glossopetalon spinescens var. meionandrum | Utah Greasebush | Plant | G5T3 | S3 | S1 |
| Habenaria viridis var. bracteata | Long-bract Green Orchis | Plant | G5T5 | S1 | S2 |
| Hymenoxys acaulis var. nana | Low Woollybase | Plant | G5T1T2 | S1S2 | N/A |
| Ipomopsis polycladon | Lavender Ipomopsis | Plant | G4 | SNR | S1 |
| Ipomopsis spicata | Spiked Standing-cypress | Plant | G5 | S1 | S5 |
| Koenigia islandica | Koenigia | Plant | G4 | S1 | S1 |
| Lepidium integrifolium var. integrifolium | Meadow Pepper-wortplant | Plant | G2G3T2T3 | S1 | S1 |
| Linanthus watsonii | Watson's prickly-phlox | Plant | G3G5 | S 3 | S1 |
| Mimulus primuloides | Primrose Monkey-flower | Plant | G4 | S1 | N/A |
| Oenothera flava var. acutissima | Narrow-leaf Evening Primrose | Plant | G2 | S2 | N/A |
| Oxytropis deflexa var. pulcherrima | Alpine Locoweed | Plant | G5T2T3 | S2 | N/A |
| Parrya rydbergii | Naked-stemmed Wallflower | Plant | G3Q | SNR | S2 |
| Penstemon eriantherus var. cleburnei | Cleburn Beardtongue | Plant | G4T3 | S1 | \$3 |
| Penstemon uintahensis | Uintah Beardtongue | Plant | G3 | S 3 | N/A |
| Phacelia incana | Western Phacelia | Plant | G3G4 | S2 | S1 |
| Philadelphus microphyllus | Little-leaf Mock-orange | Plant | G5? | SNR | S2 |
| Phlox opalensis | Opal Phlox | Plant | G3 | S1 | \$3 |
| Physaria repanda | Repand Twinpod | Plant | G1?Q | S1 | N/A |
| Potamogeton foliosus var. fibrillosus | Fibrous Pondweed | Plant | G5T2T4 | S1 | SNR |
| Potentilla palustris | Marsh Cinquifoil | Plant | G5 | S1 | S1 |
| Ranunculus pygmaeus | Dwarf Buttercup | Plant | G5 | S1 | S2 |
| Rorippa calycina | Persistent Sepal Yellowcress | Plant | G3 | N/A | \$3 |
| Saxifraga chrysantha | Golden Saxifrage | Plant | G4 | S1 | S2 |
| Selaginella mutica | Blunt-leaf Spike-moss | Plant | G4G5 | SNR | S1 |
| Senecio dimorphophyllus var. intermedius | Different Groundsel | Plant | G4T2Q | S2 | N/A |
| Stephanomeria tenuifolia var. uintaensis | Narrow-leaved Skeletonplant | Plant | G5T1Q | S1 | N/A |
| Thelesperma caespitosum | Green River Greenthread | Plant | G2? | S1 | S1 |
| Townsendia mensana | Western Townsend-daisy | Plant | G3 | S 3 | N/A |
| Townsendia montana var. caelilinensis | Skyline Townsendia | Plant | G4T2T3 | S2 | N/A |
| Trautvetteria caroliniensis var. occidentalis | Carolina Tassel-rue | Plant | G5T5 | S1 | N/A |